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## The Present are Golden Moments.

Just a moment, Mr. Socialist. Do you realize that next year there is a presidential election to be entered into? Are you alive to the importance of this fact? And of the fact that just now is the time to "saw wood" and to saw wood well?

Well, what's to be done? Are we to merely wait placidly and then meet in national convention and put up candidates and then subside until the campaign bursts full force upon us? Perish the thought!

When a national campaign is on, when people's minds are in tumult, when the pervasive, foxy pleadings of the smooth corporation lawyers are heard from the stump, is that the time, do you think, to expect people to reason calmly on the arguments we present to them? Isn't it more reasonable to regard that as principally the time to clinch our arguments previously made, to convert and win those already half converted, or inclined our way? Most assuredly.

So the present time is golden. And we shall be criminal not to exert ourselves to the utmost. Then what's to be done?

The general consensus of opinion, based on experience, is that the best results come from agitation with literature. Pick out a district, organize a band of workers, and make house to house distributions.

And then we must go after the union men. Men who are organized because of the economic pressure. They make fine fighters for Socialism. Here's where our Union Secretaries' Fund is deserving of your serious consideration.

And it is just at the present time that the individual worker must be active personally. Do not be content to receive simply one Herald a week. That would mean that you are only tantalizing and educating yourself. Get after others! Spread the word! Have a bundle sent to your address each week, and go about with your pockets loaded with ammunition. Don't leave a car without dropping a paper in someone's lap. Leave one in every store or office you visit. Put one on your barber's table, and so on. Send in a bundle order today: five copies each week for three months for a half a dollar. Do not delay.

Milwaukee unions or branches that have not as yet elected representatives to the special Herald meeting should call special meetings to do so. The Herald meeting will be held at Kaiser's hall, 298 Fourth street, Saturday evening, February 14.

By an inadvertence last week we neglected to mention the fact that we will run a series of "Appreciations" of Socialist workers who have died in the harness, after the Herald has been enlarged. Two of these, one on the late Lucie Hoving, by Comrade Kats Richards O'Hare of New York, and another on the late Jesse Cox, by Comrade Seymour Stedman of Chicago, are already in hand. A further paper on Paul Grotkau is in preparation. Socialists are for principles rather than persons, yet there are lessons and inspirations to be gotten from the lives of those who have fought and fallen in the ranks.

And do not forget about the plan to issue The Herald in enlarged form. Help the plan along by filling out this blank and mailing it to this office:

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Are you a bundle Socialist, or one of those who are too selfish to pass out Socialist literature to your neighbors? Don't think only of yourself; get a bundle of Heralds each week and spread the light. You ought to be glad of the chance.

Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 20.—[Special.]—At the night meeting of the council, council and branch alternate together with Mr. Ed. Grob, went on record against the municipal ownership of the water works. A resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to confer with the water commission, appointed about three years ago when the purchase of the plant was first suggested, to ascertain the practicability of establishing a municipal lighting plant with a small plant, had been introduced by Ald. Oehler, who thus caught the Socialist napping.

A comrade sent us the above clipping from the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin, which appeared under the heading "Socialists Oppose City Ownership, and asked how a daily paper would dare to misrepresent the Socialists. While having the report of the council meeting in the Sheboygan Volksblatt at hand, it occurred to us that a still better way to tell the lie was to get something on the subject direct from Editor Saitel, our vigorous and watchful brother-in-the-fight in the city north of us. And here is his reply:

"It is a lie fabricated out of whole cloth. It was a Socialist, Comrade Pfister, who introduced a resolution several weeks ago favoring municipal ownership of an electric light plant; it was a Socialist, Comrade Haack, who introduced a resolution at the last meeting of the city council to secure municipal ownership of water works and an electric light plant by proposing to submit the question to a vote of the people, as provided by statute law. To head off the Socialists, the capitalist aldermen... Mr. Oehler, a Democrat, introduced a resolution at the last meeting of the council to reeve the matter of buying or building a municipal electric light plant and water works to the water commission, consisting of private citizens impossible to no one and having already had the matter under consideration for almost three years, without having done accomplished anything. It is a clear case of buncombe in order to fool the people. Another three years and the so-called water commission will have reported nothing, accomplished nothing. The Socialists in the council could not vote for anything like that. We are not anxious to aid the capitalistic hirings in screwing up important measures. Robert Saitel."

This shows how much reliance should be placed in the Wisconsin's dispatch, especially the idea of municipal water and electric light ought to go to the people for a vote. But it was just so that the capitalistic parties feared, although that commission was morally dead. And in spite of the pro-Socialist members of the commission the matter was sent to the graveyard committee. The Volksblatt very properly predicts that Sheboygan will not get the city water and electric service until the Socialists are in power. "Although the Socialists are not for middle-class reform measures, but for entire change of the capitalistic system, we welcome all improvements."

Kaiser William is said to have ordered Chancellor von Buelow to try to put through a bill for a change in the German constitution which would disfranchise the Social Democrats. The Kaiser has been warned that such a course would mean revolution and bloodshed. "Even a Bismarck could not do such a thing," he is warned.

The Sunday papers tell about "Jay Gould's Sunday school class." We'll bet a dollar against a cookie that he never spent much time in his class on the reforms to lay up treasures on earth and the impossibility of a rich man going to heaven.

Socialism concerns itself with the practical things of life. It cares nothing for the rights of parasites. The rights of the workers are everything to it.

Socialism will set everybody to work, save the infirm and the physically unfortunate, and these classes will disappear as people are able to live under right conditions.

The present society produces weaklings. The opponents of Socialism deny this and claim that the sharp struggle for existence makes strong men and women. You have only to look about you to see how untrue this is.

Milwaukee readers are urged to attend the big coal mass meeting at Lincoln Hall Saturday night, under the auspices of the Federated Trades Council. The business agent of the council has been making a special investigation of the coal supply in the city and will make a report. Measures will be adopted to force the politicians now in charge of the city government to provide for public ownership in the new city charter.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21.—While picking coal on the Chicago & North-Western railroad tracks William Stohmeyer, 15 years old, was shot and fatally wounded by Special Agent Milt J. Ward, who is employed by the railroad company.

Under capitalism property is more sacred than life. When the railroads used coal they take it, no matter who it belongs to. When the poor are forced to pick up the refuse that falls from the cars it is robbery. We are nice fellows to boast about our humanity and our civilization:

Once in a while a shaft from a Socialist gets through the rhinoceros hide of the capitalists. Our compatriots as to the Milwaukee Gaslight Company obliging its late patrons to stand in line all night in zero weather, unsheltered from the elements, had the desired effect and now the men and women are allowed to form their "poverty line" inside the company's building. It was as miserable an example of capitalistic contempt for the people whom it is wrecking, as we have ever heard of, and it is well that the outrage has ceased.

Somewhat to Comrade Carl Thompson's dismay, the series of Thompson meetings in this state were called Socialist Revivals by the state organizer in getting up the bills and advertising matter. But in view of the enthusiasm and results at the meetings thus far held, what more comprehensive term could have been employed? We have letters in this office from all over the state that show the tremendous influence Comrade Thompson's meetings are having. They are waking up many passive comrades to the duty of the hour, and bringing into the movement a splendid lot of new men seriously in earnest. Strength is being added to the local movements everywhere and a comradeship awakened that is most inspiring, and which will produce RESULTS.

Perhaps a word may not be out of place here about Comrade Thompson personally. He is not an ex-preacher, but is still a minister of the Congregational faith, who has put aside preaching for the time being to devote his time and his strength to the advocacy of his social ideal. He is not doing it for the sake of his creed, but for the sake of Socialism itself. Comrade Thompson is one of the members of the Social Crusade, an organization of Socialist propagandists, headed by Comrade J. Stitt Wilson, now working on the Pacific slope, who go up and down the land proclaiming the truths of Socialism, and personally "inking no thought for the morrow." The Crusade comprises five men, and they have done notable work in Colorado, Montana and other Western states. The fact that such men can throw themselves into the movement without definite plans as to bread and butter and shelter, going without reserve where duty appears to call them, shows the growing importance of the Socialist movement.

"Woman's work gives most joy," says Prof. Elliot of Harvard. It does? Eh? To whom? If there was ever a drudge and a slave, the modern housewife is one. Invention and consolidation of effort has lightened and simplified other employments, but it seems to have passed by the work of the home woman. No wonder woman flies to other employments. If housework were put upon the men they would all commit suicide; every mother's son of them. Jane Addams says cooking is a belated industry. The utensils used in the average kitchen were invented before the flood—and sweeping, the most unhealthy occupation ever discovered, is a sort of slow murder, for house dust is the most unhealthy dust there is. And in spite of it all the women keep sweet tempered and are patient and loyal and suffering toward the little folks—no, woman's work does not give most joy; they are simply cheerful la spite of it, and in spite of the "nerves" that it superinduces.

Comrade Carl Thompson has some exceptionally flattering press comments dangled from his belt as a result of his present Wisconsin tour. The editor of the *Brilliant Times*, for instance, commented editorially on its news account of his lecture at that place, which was written, he says, by a Republican of that city whose fair-mindedness assured a reliable report. And the report was certainly a kindly one.

## A GREAT PRODUCTION; A BAD DISTRIBUTION!

"Ours is a mechanical age. It produces wealth so rapidly that all previous ages seem poor. We have grown rich faster than we have learned the proper use of our riches. We are making money, but we do not know yet how to distribute it. Many men are too rich for their own good. Many are too poor for comfort, for health, for nobility, for decent, progressive, civilized life. Everything is subordinated to the desire to make money."

"A moneyed aristocracy—an aristocracy of financiers, of manufacturers and merchants, and railway and steamship kings—now rules the civilized world. The working classes are discontented and threatening. Women and children freeze to death because rich men make coal scarce and prices high in order to make larger profits. Women gasp and swoon in summer and children die because some men want to make abnormal profits by cornering ice. Men and women are underfed and children die of inanition because food is rendered artificially dear."

"Men, women and children sit in darkness because kerosene oil, stored in the earth by God for the use of all his children, is made under inequitable laws to yield fabulous wealth to a few persons."

"Men, women and children are crowded into small, dark, comfortless, unsanitary tenements and pusy, diseased children are born and die there because lumber, brick, glass, iron and lead are made artificially dear in the present cruel eagerness for wealth."

"I do not see how any intelligent man can expect the existing order of things to continue much longer, or how any humane man can desire that it should. Nor does it require very much prophetic foresight to see that it will not.—Prof. Chas. W. Pearson, N. W. University."

## WHAT OTHER REMEDY?

"Carroll D. Wright, the national labor statistician, says that the material needs of all the inhabitants of the United States would be satisfied if every healthy able-bodied man should work only four hours a day. Sufficient food, clothing, shelter and other requirements could be provided for the people with this amount of labor. From this it may be seen how senseless is the method of labor under the present industrial system, which burdens millions of men with excessive toil, while tens of thousands can find no work and consequently are without any means of existence."

The foregoing is from a capitalistic exchange, the editor of which at times has state Socialistic moods. His pitiful remark this time hits the nail upon the head. But unfortunately he stops short at this denunciatory criticism of the "present industrial system," without saying what should be put in its place. So we supply the omission: What above all things is needful is undoubtedly the organization of labor. Anarchy reigns today in this province. Every capitalist carries on business according to his own notions, and is only kept within bounds by the demand for his goods. If this decreases to much that there is no profit in manufacturing, he accordingly stops production. Blind forces rule in the industrial world.

Now this condition of the capitalist has this effect on the workingman: The capitalist buys the labor power of the workingman at its market price. He thus acquires the right to completely use it up. The value of any ware—in this case labor power—is equal to the cost of its production. The workingman is fully paid if his wages correspond to this cost—that is, if he receives as much as is necessary, on the average, for his support and for rearing a substitute in case he himself gives out. The product which the workingman creates for the capitalist is not taken into account, except that it must have a higher value than his wages, otherwise the capitalist would employ no workmen. Thus it arises that the workingman, with the help of modern machinery, produces in one day a considerably higher value than corresponds to the market price (value) of his labor power. In the United States this surplus value amounts to about 100 per cent., as the last census proves. So if a workingman produces during ten hours daily, in the first five hours he has earned his own wages, and in the last five hours he is working out surplus value for the capitalist.

It follows from this that the "industrial system" is by no means so "senseless" from the standpoint of the capitalists. From this it is also clear just why they oppose the shortening of the working day. It touches their "surplus value." Indeed, when they are obliged to consent to shorter hours they indemnify themselves by increasing the intensity of labor as much as possible. The capitalists of the present day are especially great at this. "American methods"—the greatest possible substitution of machinery for human labor power, the most complete division of labor, the hardest driving of the workmen, the piece system—are known and notorious, and by means of these it has come to pass that in spite of the shortening of the working day, surplus value has not decreased, and the amount of labor supplied has continually increased.

It is the capitalist therefore who has no interest in a uniform distribution of labor, and who does not permit it. He can make very little profit out of the man who works four hours a day. With all refinements in the mode of production, with such a working day not much would be left for him. It is to his interest that unemployed hands should always be ready to bring down the market price of labor power, otherwise the death knell would sound for the exploitation of labor.

The matter is therefore sufficiently simple. The organization and uniform distribution of labor presupposes the abolition of the method of production for profit, and organization of this sort is simply Socialism. Or if it could be anything intermediate, we should be curious to know what this might be.

It may be objected that a certain regulation has become possible even under the present system, and this through labor organizations. This is true. They have shortened the working day and compelled the restriction of child labor. They have caused that the workingmen's share of the product which they create, has not, or not materially, decreased. In explanation of this last proposition the following should be noted: According to the census this product increases from decade to decade. The division between workingman and capitalist remains pretty nearly equal. If the value of the production amounts to \$600, the workingman gets about \$300; if it increases to \$800, the workingman receives \$400. In the year 1900 it amounted to \$767, and the workingman got exactly half. While wages have constantly risen (except during a certain period after the Civil war, and really on account of the standard of currency) the conditions under which the division of the product of labor takes place, have scarcely changed at all. In the last decade, moreover—probably in consequence of the severe crisis—they have deteriorated a little to the disadvantage of the workingman.

Labor unions therefore offer no solution, only a palliative—very powerful and valuable one indeed, yet merely a palliative. They may still go on as in the last hundred years, the working day may be further reduced, wages may rise, and yet the fundamental evils of the present system may not be altered one iota.

This path does not lead to the abolition of capitalism, which, as has been indicated, is the cause of the senseless arrangement which produces "over-production," where millions suffer want, and works people to death, while others find nothing to do.

What then? If not Socialism, what other solution is there?

*Victor L. Berger*

Silas Dotcher, president of a big trust company in New York, has recently sent out, as president of the National Economic League, a circular to anti-Socialists, that is, men who are economically on the right side of the present game of wealth getting, in which he proposes that a consideration he had as to "How far, under present political conditions, IT IS SAFE for cities in this country to municipalize." This National Economic League is simply a hand of exploiters of labor who are trying by various means, open or secret, to head off the growth toward Socialism in this country. They have a press committee made up of prominent capitalist editors, who are trying to mould public sentiment through the newspapers the people read—no small advantage as things ordinarily go, yet bound to fail in this instance. But the interesting thing about this circular is the fact that the money-fair propose to decide "how far it is safe" for cities to go into owning their own utilities. In other words the class that draws fat dividends out of the rotten private street car company service are about to say whether they want to lose their franchises or not. We feel sure they will vote that it is "safer" to keep their graft than to lose it.

When the average length of life among the rich and well-to-do is over fifty years and the average length of life among the working class particularly some trades, is as low as twenty-five years, who is it who has the hardihood to claim that there is an equality of opportunity in our present society under the capitalist system? The system robs the worker of life itself.

It would be an interesting thing if we could force the people to stand in line and say Yes or No as to whether they prefer the present form of coal ownership to that to which the Socialists propose. It would sort of smoke the cowards out! The trouble with too many people is that they are afraid to cut away from old habits. They are afraid to leave the old parties. This stupid attitude is what the owners of this country are banking on. They think they can continue to squeeze the people and still retain their ownership on the resources of life.

Might is still right, only the kind of might has changed from what it was under former civilizations. Right will not become might until we have Socialism.

S. B. Dutcher, president of the National Economic League, which has set itself the task of crushing out Socialism in this country, has declined a challenge to debate Socialism, sent him by Brooklyn comrades.

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# THE WORKERS' OPPORTUNITY.—THEY MUST UNDERSTAND THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIALISM AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

There is no need to repeat the tale of our misfortunes. Everyone knows that workers are such that they cannot be exaggerated. A dependence upon the world's output and take from it all it produces except a more or less meager portion of enfranchised Americans. The control of the earth and its products by labor and take from it all it produces except a more or less meager portion of the world's output and so-called "over-production" brings panic, poverty and misery. Anarchy in industry everywhere prevails and naturally there is confusion, discord and the brutal rule of financial might.

All this is so absolutely unnecessary that it would be ludicrous if it were not seriously said.

Why unnecessary?

Because all this medley of horrors and insanities comes from trying to do the world's business for private profit.

There is nothing to hinder the people from doing their own business for the sake of the people.

Socialism is common sense. It is science. It is trades unionism carried to its logical conclusion. Trades unions want shorter hours and more pay.

Socialism, it is certain, would make it easy to do the world's work and no one over four hours unless he wished.

Socialism would give to the workers (which would be everybody) all that was produced, or at least four times the average of today.

If the labor unions do not wake up—if President Schwab is right that they will demand Socialism so long as their stomachs are filled—then we may well be disengaged.

But it is not true—at least it is not true of oil.

A great responsibility rests upon the progressive labor organizations at this time. They have an enormous work of education to do.

Carelessness, ignorance and folly are the things to be fought. But enthusiasm and contagion and ideas move men in spite of supposed "prosperity."

Once let a few get filled with fire and armed with "pointers" and the thoughtlessness of others will disappear.

## Victor Hugo's Socialism.

A great deal of useful destruction has at this hour been accomplished. Now comes the necessary to construct.

Here are three questions:

To construct what?

To construct where?

To construct how?

We reply:

To construct the people.

To construct it according to the laws of progress.

To construct it by means of light.

The transformation of the crowd into the people—professed task. It is to this that the men called Socialists have given themselves.

The first thought is ignorance; Socialists believe, then, above all to instruct.

Certain social theories, very distinct from Socialism as we understand it and even from our Socialism all that is done is to have gone astray. Let us return to the essential, the barrack, the cell and the straight line.

There is something beyond satisfying one's appetite. The goal of man is not the goal of the animal. A moral lift is necessary. The social question requires study, more than ever, to be examined so as to gain human dignity.

Let us insist upon the truths that are evident.

The hour is struck for hoisting the "all to all."

The progress of man through intellectual advancement—there is no safety in that. Ignorance is a longing. Every kind of instruction is due to the people. The more divine the light the more it is made for this simple soul.

The great problem is to restore to the simple mind something of the ideal. Here is the truth (this is our task): To sing the need to love humanity, to believe in progress, to pray towards the better.

Help from the strong for the weak, help from the great for the small, help from the free for the slaves, help from the thinkers for the ignorant, help from the military for the multitudes—such is the law. To love is no less holy than to think.

This is what remains: Society is to be perfected and made fruitful; science is to seek the true; art is to create the beautiful; there is the thirst of thought which is the torment and happiness of man; the lower life aspiring to the higher. Real questions are to be dealt with; progress in intelligence and by intelligence is to be secured. The aid of the poets, the prophets, the philosophers, the inspired thinkers is invoked.

In Dusseldorf, Germany, municipal ownership has been developed to a very unusual degree of efficiency. The city owns and manages practically everything in the way of public utilities.

Railways, street car lines, gas and electricity for illuminating and other purposes, telephones, postoffice, harbor, docks, warehouses, elevators, free baths, parks, gardens, art galleries, museums, and a municipal theater are all under the

control of the public ownership parties.

It is reported that one hostess won \$25,000 from her guests in one week's play—Ex.

**A Well Governed City.**

In Dusseldorf, Germany, municipal ownership has been developed to a very unusual degree of efficiency. The city owns and manages practically everything in the way of public utilities.

Railways, street car lines, gas and electricity for illuminating and other purposes, telephones, postoffice, harbor, docks, warehouses, elevators, free baths, parks, gardens, art galleries, museums, and a municipal theater are all under the

## What We Social Democrats Are After.

The following is the national platform of the Social Democratic party of America, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those connected with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the power of government and using it for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

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# Gleanings From Busy Socialistic Fields!

Good Grain Being Harvested by Our Hands in the Field. How the Advance to the Co-operative Commonwealth Progresses. You are invited to get in line.

## NOTES FROM YANKEE-LAND.

The Dakota Sieve of Wessington Springs, S. D., has come over.

Father McGrady will make a protracted tour of the West next summer.

What has photos of the old Ruskin collection they wish to dispose of? Drop us a line.

The Ohio state headquarters will hereafter be at Cleveland, as decided by referendum vote.

A daily paper is proposed at Telluride, Colo. The miners and other organized workers are back of the plan.

The Brooklyn Eagle recently published a two-column interview with Comrade William Mailly, the state organizer in Massachusetts.

The claim that Father McGrady is no longer a priest is not true. He merely resigned as pastor of St. Anthony's Church, in Bellevue, Ky.

The Kiel (Wis.) comrades not only subscribed liberally to the monthly pledges for the state fund, but have paid in the amount pledged and are after more subscriptions. Kiel sets the pace!

Wisconsin branches wishing to secure dates for Comrade A. S. Edwards' lectures during March and April will kindly confer with the state secretary, E. H. Thomas, 614 State street, Milwaukee.

Comrade James Oneal, one of the best workers in Indiana, has resigned as state secretary and will go to Aspen, Colo., to manage the tours of the Strickland-Jones Socialist lectures.

Father Hagerty speaks at Kalispell, Montana, February 1; at Stockton, February 3; at Neilhart, February 4; at Great Falls, February 5; at Helena, February 6 and 7; at Anaconda, February 8; and at Butte, February 9.

Comrade H. Gaylord Wilshire of Wilshire's Magazine came off with flying colors in his debate in New York with Prof. Beligan of Columbia University. The hall was jammed to its capacity with an audience of 3000 people, and as many more had to be turned away.

The decision of the Massachusetts court gives Comrade Parkman B. Flanigan the office of mayor of Haverhill by 6 plurality. He will appoint Comrade Albert S. Gillen his clerk, the Central Socialist Club having picked him for the position.

Prof. Sedgman of Columbia university, although a learned man in his line, is said to have put up a very weak opposition in his debate with Wilshire at Cooper Union, New York, using arguments against collectivism that were long ago abandoned by our opponents.

The Ohio courts have ruled against the A. F. of L. emblem, which the Ohio Socialists sought to use on the official ballot, the objection being its circular form. Now the Ohio comrades propose to use the arm and torch. First they know the capitalist press will be referring to them as the "incendiary party!"

The Social Crusaders, Stitt Wilson, William Wise, Carl Thompson and Ben Wilson, are being tossed about in an amusing way in Colorado, at the hands of the "class-conscious" fanatics. The Crusaders helped work up a state movement so that a state organization was effected, and the state committee then put a ban on the crusaders, as not talking "clear cut" Socialism. A howl has gone up from one end of the state to the other, and it looks as if a new state committee will be put at the helm. Oh, these here-sy busters!

**Notes from the Wisconsin Field—Signs of the Times.**

While not so large as some meetings I have held in other states there is a power and promise about the Wisconsin meetings that makes them as good as the best. The comrades in the various branches impress me with their noble spirit of devotion and service. Nothing is more inspiring than to see the splendid work they do in the face of all kinds of difficulties. They, one and all, do everything and leave no stone unturned to make on meetings a constant triumph.

Everywhere I go I feel the effects of the splendid work of Comrade Gaylord. He is a tower of strength to the movement and his tireless energy is accomplishing wonders in hard places. At one

place a Republican editor who only recently graduated from the Wisconsin state university, told me that since Gaylord had been after him he wasn't quite sure where he was at; and he is quite convinced that he at least is entirely unable to meet the Socialist argument.

At Brillion our meeting was nearly frozen and smoked out, but we had a good meeting anyway, made a number of converts and put in four or five yearly Herolds, which will do the rest.

At Whitewater we had a three day's meeting. This is a "stalwart" Republican stronghold, where a year ago the people talked seriously of hanging a man for being a Socialist. The meetings were small, but they were good, and just in proportion to the difficulties of the field the comrades there are heroic. Comrade Weaver has a stereopticon and lectures in country school houses. Every night now at the close of his lectures he gives a few minutes to Socialism. In this way he is doing a service to the cause of estimable value.

One of the comrades complains that the church people in his town pray to God to have mercy on them 364 days in the year and then go and vote themselves into hell on the 365th.

At Janesville there's another nest of cigarmakers who are the salt of the earth. They had the hall packed to the doors. A group of college students from Waukesha were in the audience—I learned afterwards—to get pointers on public ownership. They are going to have a debate.

Nearly 200 citizens at Darlington signed a resolution endorsing the bill introduced by Congressman Jenkins demanding the government seizure of coal mines and railroads.

Carl D. Thompson.

At Pacific country point, the people crowded the school house on Sunday night, sitting three on a seat, and some on the floor on piles of dogskin coats. Comrade Dunham has been making a hard fight here for years and now he has the satisfaction of seeing the whole community coming his way. The meeting resulted in one new member for the branch on the spot, a good collection for the state work, and an awakening of interest among the women of the community as well as the men. Pacific Social Democrats tied the Democrats at the last election and bid fair to carry the town at the next state election. Talk about the farmers being slow in accept Socialism! Sheboygan is not much ahead of Pacific.

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Comrade James has been elected fourth vice president of the French Chamber of Deputies.

Blatchford's latest Socialist book, "Britain for the British," is now in its second hundred thousand and still selling briskly.

A total of over 215 Socialists have been elected to town councils throughout Germany in the recent municipal elections, 117 towns in all.

The employers of Germany are posting up the Emperor's anti-Socialist speeches and circulating them as leaflets among the men.

In Spain the General Labor Union is based on the Socialist platform and is making splendid progress. There are now 267 branches, with 43,000 members.

Bjornson, the world-famous Swedish author, has written that he is in entire harmony with the Socialists and sees that they are the only political movement offering any hope for the working people.

Senatorial elections in thirty-four departments in France were held Saturday, January 3. Reports from eighty-two out of ninety-eight senators to be elected show that the Socialists elected thirty-four, the Republicans thirty, and the Radicals eighteen. This is a splendid gain for the Socialists.

The Socialists of Melito di Porto Salvo have now two members in the common

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council. They had one and recently an old-party member became converted and joined the party of the people. His name is Tomaso Kerrich. No one has asked him to resign, and the Socialists will make the most of the added strength given them.

According to the Labor World of Tokyo the agitation proceeds vigorously in Japan. On December 20 a meeting was held at Soko, especially for tenant farmers, on December 22 and 23 labor meetings were held at Omiya, Ushigome and Asaba. On the 29th, at Onomori, another meeting was held and the day after at Yoshihaya. Hundreds were in attendance.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The sensation here is a page exposure by Vorwärts, the Socialist organ, which in the past has been able to obtain possession of important government circulars and information of what purports to be an attempt on the part of the police to bribe one of its employees to reveal the secrets of the office. The employee referred to, a man named Stoffen, was offered \$15 monthly for his services. He accepted the first bribe and turned the money over to his employer, which has warned the police agents that all the information possible on this and other subjects will be published.

St. Louis Passes Resolutions.

In deference to requests from St. Louis we give herewith the two resolutions recently passed by the St. Louis central organization. Inasmuch as the unseemly squabble is more than a mere local affair, being a quarrel between national officers growing out of the stand for fusion with labor parties taken by Secretary Greenbaum and others, it is necessary to inflict the affair on the comrades generally. It will be better prepare them in judgment in events that may develop out of the trouble. The resolutions are as follows:

St. Louis Jan. 4.—Resolution 1.

"Local St. Louis of the Socialist party, in regular general meeting assembled, adopts the following resolution concerning the San Francisco fusion affairs:

"Resolved, that local St. Louis reiterates its allegiance to the principles and tactics of the Socialist party as adopted and maintained by the International Socialist Federation and fully convinced of the correctness and soundness of the Socialist party tactics, and therefore must emphatically disapprove of and condemn any attempt to lead our movement into fusion and confusion with so-called Union Labor and Reform parties, thereby disrupting the Socialist party at the very moment when the prospects are brighter and more encouraging than ever before, and when, by polluting over 300,000 of our organization, the third political party in the nation, and in many of the states and industrial centers has also become the recognized third party.

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"Resolved, that local St. Louis hereby disapproves Comrades E. Val Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum, and all those favoring their fusion schemes to resign as members of the national committee and officers of the national; and be it further

"Resolved, that, failing to resign, we call upon the national committee of the Socialist party to remove them.

Albert E. Sanderson, City Secretary.

More Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by the Socialists of Malden, Mass.:

Whereas, Job Harriman, candidate for Vice President of the Social Democratic party in 1904, was beaten out of office with the Union Labor party of California, and

Whereas, the national constitution of the Socialist party of America expressly forbids fusion with non-socialist political parties; therefore in view of the fact that he had deliberately violated the fundamental principles of Socialism by espousing fusion, be it

Resolved, that said Job Harriman shall be expelled from the Socialist party of America and that we call upon the various branches or locals of the party to give their endorsement to the above resolution so that our national secretary shall initiate a referendum vote of the party, as to whether the above Job Harriman shall be expelled from the party or not.

P. S.—It is requested an endorsement of five branches in the different states to bring this proposal to a referendum vote of the party. Locals endorsing the above will please send an account of their action to the party press and notify E. C. Yates, 604 Highland ave., Malden, Mass.

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